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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINGSTON 0117

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, JM, CU, GY, TD, VE

SUBJECT: MANLEY, PATTERSON AND DUNCAN TRAVELLING

1. ACCORDING TO THE MEDIA, PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY WILL LEAVE SUNDAY, JAN 9, FOR VISITS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND GUYANA; THE PRIME MINISTER WILL REPORTEDLY DISCUSS REGIONAL COOPERATION AND MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WITH PRIME MINISTERS WILLIAMS AND BURNHAM, RESPECTIVELY. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT MANLEY WILL ALSO VISIT VENEZUELA TO DISCUSS THE LUANA REFINERY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WILL RETURN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 15.

2. THE SAME MEDIA REPORTS STATE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON AND NATIONAL MOBILIZATION MINISTER D.K. DUNCAN WILL TRAVEL TO CUBA TODAY FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT; THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WAS NOT DISCLOSED.

3. COMMENT: WE KNOW THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS BEEN ITCHING TO DO SOME TRAVELLING (SEE PORT OF SPAIN 0033),  
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AND THAT HE HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO TALK TO DR. WILLIAMS, WITH REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FORM OF TRINIDADIAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE FOREFRONT OF HIS MIND. WE WOULD SUSPECT THAT THE VISIT TO GUYANA WILL BE LIMITED IN LARGE MEASURE TO SWAPPING TALES OF "DESTABILIZATION" WITH PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM, AND NOT GO INTO THE SUBSTANTIVE. INsofar AS VENZUELA IS

CONCERNED, WHILE LUANA MAY OFFER THE REASON FOR DISCUSSIONS, AGAIN MANLEY WILL HAVE OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT IN MIND.

4. THE PATTERSON-DUNCAN TRIP TO CUBA HAD RECEIVED NO ADVANCE BILLING (ALTHOUGH WE HAD LEARNED VERY INDIRECTLY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD NOT BE ON THE ISLAND OVER THE WEEKEND). A VISIT TO CUBA, AND AN EARLY ONE, IS HARDLY SURPRISING, BUT THE FACT THAT CUBA IS THE FIRST COUNTRY TO BE VISITED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT SEEMS SIGNIFICANT.  
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